

Welsh Singers in American Debut

Display Fine Voices in English and Welsh Choruses—Morgan Kingston the Soloist.

By Sylvester Rawling.

THE Gwent Welsh Male Singers, of Newport, South Wales, a choir of sixteen, led by George F. Davies, accompanied at the piano by Arthur A. Smith, made a first appearance in America last night at Aeolian Hall. The soloist was Morgan Kingston, tenor, of the Century Opera Company, himself a Welshman trained in the same choral school, whom Andreas Dippel discovered and captured to sing in opera. A large audience enjoyed his and their lovely singing and demanded several extra numbers. To Mr. Kingston was handed across the footlights, an immense cluster of roses which he turned over to his accompanist at the piano, Evelyn Edwards, L. R. A. M.—imposing letters on a programme which mean, probably, of the London Royal Academy of Music—announced as his teacher. It was all very fetching and it evoked a storm of applause and Miss Edwards was a handsome woman. The name Gwent is Welsh for Monmouthshire, the county from which the singers come.

While some of the choruses were in Welsh for the greater part were in English, and admirably sung they were too. The individual voices were of excellent quality and the choir displayed splendid union, fine precision and balance, clean cut attack and delightful nuance. The soloist's chorus from "Faust," Dudley Buck's "In Absence," Edward German's "O, Peaceful Night," Push Evans's "I Delvin Aun," Harry Evans's "Ar Hyd y Nos," Dillie's "The Martyrs of Arden," and the stirring march "Men of Harlech," all of which were sung with the chief numbers. Beside these was a quartet by Mace, "Little Tommy," and a duet, "Watchman, Tell Us of the Night," and at the end the Welsh national anthem, "Hen Wlad y Nhadau," to which the whole house rose.

Mr. Kingston sang "Le lucuan le Sted" from Puccini's "Tosca," Coltrane Taylor's "Eleanore," Dvorak's "Songs My Mother Taught Me," and London Ronald's "Love, I Have Found You" all in his best voice and manner.

STRANSKY'S FINE PROGRAMME AT PHILHARMONIC LAST NIGHT.

Josef Stransky, at Carnegie Hall last night, led the Philharmonic Society's Orchestra through one of the most attractive programmes that he has arranged since he became its conductor. His band, too, was new music to better advantage. It rightly might challenge comparison with the best of its contemporaries. He began with the familiar Wagner's "A Faust" overture, had for his principal number Richard Strauss's splendid tone poem, "Ein Heldenleben," and finished with the same composer's "Festliche Predigten," heard for the first time in New York. The latter, while unmistakably Strauss's, is not flagrantly characteristic of his

eccentric genius but is attractive enough to win the admiration of conventional music lovers. A large audience expressed its approval of it in a manner not to be mistaken.

The soloist was Jacques Urus, tenor of the Metropolitan Opera Company, only a day or two off the turbulent Atlantic, who sang in lovely voice the prayer from Wagner's "Rienzi" and most impressively the song at the close of the master's "Die Meistersinger."

The programme will be repeated this afternoon.

There was a popular concert at Cooper Union last night that drew a large and appreciative audience. The featured Olga Von Turk-Rohn, soprano, sang compositions by Verdi, Schubert, Gershwin, Van der Stucken and Richard Strauss; Leopold Rovenger, pianist, gave examples of Chopin, Liszt, Schumann and Godechalk, and Alexander Salslavsky, Concert Master of the Symphony Orchestra, played violin solos by Tchaikowsky, Kreisler and Reiss, besides the prize song from "Die Meistersinger" and Dvorak's "Humoresque" in his best and most fascinating manner.

Hattie Scholander-Eddin gave a piano recital at Aeolian Hall yesterday afternoon. Her programme comprised the Bach-Tausig toccata and fugue in D minor, Chopin's Sonata in B minor and examples of Scarlatti, Brahms, Schumann, Liszt and Rubinstein. She was warmly applauded by a friendly audience.

"La Gioconda" instead of "Nanon" is to be the opening bill at the Metropolitan Opera House next Monday evening because of the continued indisposition of Geraldine Farrar. Emmy Destinn and Caruso will be in the cast and Toscanini will conduct.

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NAVY MUSICIAN CLEARED.

Calderazzo, Accused of Robbing Sailors, Received by Pope.

ROME, Nov. 14.—Alfonso Calderazzo, former musician on the United States battleship Utah, was to-day exonerated of any charge of dishonesty in connection with his disappearance some days ago after he had been entrusted with about \$5,000 for the purpose of arranging an excursion for the bluejackets of the warships Utah, Delaware, Vermont and Ohio, now lying in French ports.

His explanation that he had been involuntarily delayed was accepted and he was later admitted to the Papal audience together with twenty-eight bluejackets from the battleship Utah and, accompanied by them, the Apostolic benediction.

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